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In re Appln. of: Hans-Joachim Barth et al.

Appln. No.: 10/512,016

Examiner: MCNELIS,  
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Art Unit: 1742

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF THIN  
METAL-CONTAINING LAYERS HAVING  
LOW ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE

Attorney Docket No: 10808/163

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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages), PTO Form1449 ( 1 sheet); 5 references (B2-B6)  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-kind Code (if known)	DATE	NAME
6,242,808 B1	06/05/2001	Shimizu

### FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	COUNTRY
CN 1,258,104 A	02/28/2000	China
JP 04-271125	09/28/1992	Japan
JP 05-021387	01/29/1993	Japan

### OTHER DOCUMENTS

Partial translation of Office Action issued in counterpart Chinese patent application no. 0308982.3 (6 pages)
Partial translation of Office Action issued in counterpart Japanese patent application no. 2003-586916 (4 pages)

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3) and (c), either English language abstracts, partial translations, or full translations are included for patent documents which are not in English for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of the references to the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to evaluate the same. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

No English language equivalent of Chinese patent number CN 1,258,104 A is available. In fulfillment of the requirement to provide an explanation of the relevance of this reference, a translation is provided of the Office Action issued by the Chinese patent office in counterpart patent application no. 0308982.3.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

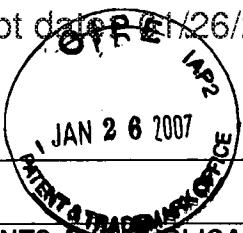
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/V.V./	B3	JP 04-271125	09/28/1992	Japan	H01L 21/3205	Yes
/V.V./	B4	JP 05-021387	01/29/1993	Japan	H01L 21/285	Yes

**EXAMINER INITIAL**      **OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)

/V.V./	B5	Partial translation of Office Action issued in counterpart Chinese patent application no. 0308982.3 (6 pages)
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